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RECIPROCITY

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Israeli Passports and Travel Documents [A]

Class	Fee	No. Applications	Validity
A-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
A-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
A-3 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
B-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
B-1/B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
C-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
C-1/D	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
C-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
C-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
D	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
E-1 [2]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
E-2 [2]	NO TREATY	N/A	N/A
F-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
F-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-5 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
H-1B	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-1C	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-2A	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-2B	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
I	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
J-1 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
J-2 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
K-1	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
K-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
L-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
L-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
M-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
M-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
N-8	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
N-9	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS

NATO 1-7	N/A	N/A	N/A
O-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
O-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
Q-1 [6]	NONE	MULTIPLE	15 MONTHS [3]
R-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
R-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
S-5 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-6 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-7 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
TD [5]	N/A	N/A	N/A
V-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
V-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]
V-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]

[A] Reciprocity is dependent on the passport and/or travel document submitted by the applicant. For bearers of Israeli Passports and Travel Documents, use the schedule above. For bearers of Palestinian Authority Passports, use the schedule below.

Palestinian Authority Passports [A]

Class	Fee	No. Applications	Validity
A-2	[B]	[B]	[B]
A-3 [1]	[B]	[B]	[B]
B-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
B-1/B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
C-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
C-1/D	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
C-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
C-3	[B]	[B]	[B]
D	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
E-1 [2]	NO TREATY	N/A	N/A
E-2 [2]	NO TREATY N/A	N/A	
F-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
F-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
G-1	[B]	[B]	[B]
G-2	[B]	[B]	[B]
G-3	NONE	[C] MULTIPLE	[C] 36 MONTHS [C]
G-4	NONE	[D] MULTIPLE	[D] 36 MONTHS [D]
G-5 [1]	NONE	[C] MULTIPLE	[C] 36 MONTHS [C]
H-1B	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS [3]
H-1C	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS [3]
H-2A	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS [3]
H-2B	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS [3]
H-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS [3]
H-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS [3]
I	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
J-1 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
J-2 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
K-1	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS

K-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	6 MONTHS
K-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	6 MONTHS
L-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS [3]
L-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS [3]
M-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
M-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
N-8	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
N-9	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
NATO 1-7	N/A	N/A	N/A
O-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS [3]
O-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS [3]
O-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS [3]
P-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS [3]
P-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS [3]
P-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS [3]
P-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS [3]
Q-1 [6]	NONE	MULTIPLE	15 MONTHS [3]
R-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
R-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
S-5 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-6 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-7 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
TD [5]	N/A	N/A	N/A
V-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
V-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]
V-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]

[A] Reciprocity is dependent on the passport and/or travel document submitted by the applicant. The reciprocity schedule immediately above this footnote applies to Palestinian Authority Passports.

[B] Diplomatic relations not in force. The Department has determined that the Palestinian Authority (PA) is a competent authority for passport-issuing purposes as defined in INA 101(a)(30), but the United States does not recognize the PA as a "foreign government". Visa applications for categories A-1, A-2, A-3, C-3, G-1, and G-2 made by bearers of Palestinian Authority Passports must be submitted to the Department for an advisory opinion. Requests should be slugged for CA/VO/L/A and NEA/IAI.

[C] G-3 and G-5 visas may be issued to bearers of Palestinian Authority documents who are employed by foreign governments (i.e. not the Palestinian Authority), or who are the immediate family members, attendants or personal employees of accredited officials of foreign governments. Qualified applicants should be issued visas on Form OF-232 following the procedures indicated in 22 CFR 41.113(b).

[D] G-4 visas may be issued to qualified applicants directly in their Palestinian Authority Passports.

SPECIAL CLEARANCE AND ISSUANCE PROCEDURES

(TL:VISA-213; 10-12-2000)

Outside checks are no longer available. Clearance requests should not be sent to Tel Aviv or Jerusalem unless a CLASS check indicates derogatory information on file there. While no additional special clearance procedures are required of Palestinian Authority passport holders, PLO officers, officials, representatives and spokesmen remain ineligible for visas. If posts believe waivers of ineligibility are appropriate in individual cases, posts should submit an SAO request to CA/VO/L/C for action. Visa applications for categories A-1, A-2, A-3, C-3, G-1, and G-2 made by bearers of Palestinian Authority Passports must be submitted to the Department for an advisory opinion. Requests should be slugged for CA/VO/L/A and NEA/IAI.

DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS

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Civil documents for Israel are generally available, though some records were destroyed in 1948 or earlier.

Fees may be charged for a particular document listed below. It is the applicant's responsibility to contact the appropriate issuing authority to obtain specific information about documents, including mailing addresses and fee requirements.

As of this writing a permanent status agreement between Israel and the Palestinians has not been achieved. During this interim period, prior to a permanent settlement, Embassy Tel Aviv and the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem, generally, will show flexibility in accepting secondary evidence when documents are not available; both posts are available to provide guidance in specific cases.

The West Bank and Gaza are now subject to a complex set of governing arrangements involving Israel and the Palestinian Authority, making determination of jurisdiction difficult. In general, applicants should present documentation consistent with the passports they carry. Israeli travel document holders, including both Arab citizens of Israel and Israeli settlers residing in the West Bank and Gaza, should present Israeli documents. Palestinian Authority travel document holders will present Palestinian Authority documents, as noted below, these applicants frequently will need to present police certificates from both Israel and the Palestinian Authority. Some applicants, particularly Arab residents of East Jerusalem, have been unable to obtain documents from either authority. Palestinians from the West Bank and East Jerusalem may also have Jordanian documents, including passports.

Passports - Information on Travel Documents

(TL:VISA-213; 10-12-2000)

The Government of Israel issues diplomatic, official and regular passports to Israeli citizens, as well as special travel documents to qualified non-Israelis. Passports are issued to all Israeli citizens either by the Israeli Ministry of Interior or by an Israeli Embassy or Consulate abroad. Israel has an agreement with the United States whereby its passports and travel documents are recognized as valid for return to Israel for a period of six months beyond the expiration date specified in the passport or travel document. Regular passports are dark blue in color, official passports are gray, and diplomatic passports are black. They are normally issued for a period of five years with an extension of an additional five years possible. Applicants requesting replacements for lost or stolen passports or with upcoming military service generally receive only a one-year passport.

Recent immigrants to Israel carry orange-colored Israeli Travel Documents issued for a period of one year. Certain non-Israeli citizens who qualify, generally Arab residents of East Jerusalem or Druze residents of the Golan Heights, carry brown Israeli Travel Documents issued for a period of five years. Both the Israeli Ministry of Interior or an Israeli Embassy or Consulate abroad may issue either document.

The Palestinian Authority began issuing passports to residents of the West Bank and Gaza in April 1995. Ordinary Palestinian Authority passports are green in color and are valid for three years. VIP passports may be black or red. The passport meets section 101(a)(30) of the INA for visa purposes. There is no agreement to automatically extend the validity of these passports; they must be valid for at least six months from the date of NIV issuance.

Residents of Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza frequently carry other passports, particularly Jordanian passports. For applicants presenting other passports, use the reciprocity schedule applicable to the issuing authority.

Police Records

(TL:VISA-213; 10-12-2000)

Generally available from both Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

Both Israel and the Palestinian Authority issue police certificates. All Palestinian residents of the West Bank and Gaza who were aged 16 or older at the time of the Israeli redeployment from their area of residence must submit police certificates from both Israel and the Palestinian Authority. Those who reside in areas still under Israeli jurisdiction must submit police certificates from Israel.

Israeli Police Certificates

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Applicants requesting an Israeli police certificate will need to present two recent photographs (4x5cms) and a copy of a document with the applicant's Israeli identification number, or if available, a foreign passport. Processing time is approximately three weeks.

Residents of Israel, Jerusalem, the West Bank or Gaza may request an Israeli police record at any Israeli police station. Police certificates will be sent directly to the U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

Residents of the Gaza Strip unable to reach an Israeli police station may apply for an Israeli police certificate with the Israeli police officer stationed at the joint Israeli-Palestinian District Coordinating Office (DCO) compound on the Gaza side of the Erez and/or Beit Hanoun checkpoint. Residents of the West Bank may apply for an Israeli police certificate with the Israeli police officer stationed at the DCO in their area of residence.

Those not currently resident in Israel, Jerusalem, the West Bank or Gaza should apply in person to an Israeli consular or diplomatic mission. Applicants should provide three photographs, proof of identification and a signed release of information form. The police certificate will be sent to the Israeli consular or diplomatic mission requesting it.

At the time of this writing, there appears to be no sure way for former residents, now resident in a country without an Israeli mission, to obtain police certificates. Some applicants report they obtained one by contacting an Israeli mission in another country or requesting a family member in Israel or the territories to apply on their behalf for the police certificate at an Israeli police station.

Palestinian Police Certificates

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Palestinians who have lived in the West Bank or Gaza any time since January 1994 should obtain a Certificate of Good Conduct issued by the Palestinian Ministry of the Interior. Applications must be submitted to the Palestinian Ministry of Interior office located nearest the applicant's place of residence, and must be accompanied by two photos. There is a charge for this certificate.

At the time of this writing, procedures are not firmly established for former residents of the West Bank and Gaza living abroad to obtain Palestinian certificates. Palestinian officials assure us that Certificates of Good Conduct are available through PLO Representatives abroad. For applicants in countries without PLO representation, the certificate should be considered unavailable.

Military Records

(TL:VISA-213; 10-12-2000)

Available for Israelis, not relevant for Palestinians. Israelis who have served on active duty in the Israeli Defense forces since 1956 receive a military release (Teudat Shukhrur) upon completion of service. In lieu of the of the military release, Form AF435 may be requested from the Office of the Adjutant General, Ramat Gan, Israel. Israelis who have not served should possess an exemption certificate (Teudat Ptor).

Birth Certificates

(TL:VISA-213; 10-12-2000)

Always available for applicants born in Israel since 1948, and generally available for applicants born before then. Requests for birth certificates are to be addressed to the office of the Israeli Ministry of Interior in the city of the birth. This request should include the applicant's name at birth, the date and place of birth, the full name of both parents, the hospital where the birth took place, and the applicant's Israeli Identity Card number.

Many Israelis, particularly those born in Islamic countries or the former Soviet Union, who are unable to obtain a birth certificate from their place of birth, may present in lieu of a birth certificate, a birth extract (Tamzit Rishum) issued by the Israeli Ministry of Interior.

Similarly, U.S. Embassy Tel Aviv and U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem both accept birth extracts issued by the Palestinian Authority for Palestinian applicants born before 1948 within the pre-1967 boundaries of Israel, but who are now resident abroad or in the West Bank and Gaza.

Generally available for those born in the West Bank and Gaza. Applications for Birth Certificates for Palestinian residents of the West Bank and Gaza must be submitted to the Palestinian Authority Ministry of Interior office located nearest the applicant's place of residence. Non-residents of the West Bank and Gaza may approach the nearest representative abroad of the PLO to request a birth certificate or write to the Palestinian Authority Ministry of Interior office nearest their birth place.

Arab residents of East Jerusalem may obtain records from the Israeli Ministry of the Interior. However, there have been cases where the Israeli Ministry of the Interior, has directed applicants without legal residence rights in Jerusalem, to obtain a birth certificate for a newborn from the Palestinian Authority, despite the fact that the birth took place in Jerusalem.

Death Certificates

(TL:VISA-213; 10-12-2000)

Generally available following the same procedures as for birth certificates.

Marriage Certificates

(TL:VISA-213; 10-12-2000)

Available. There is no civil marriage in Israel, Jerusalem, the West Bank or Gaza. Requests for marriage certificates should be sent to the appropriate religious community.

Jews should send requests to the Chief Rabbinate in the appropriate marriage district.

Muslims should send requests to the Sharia Court in the district where the marriage took place.

Christians should send requests to the church where they were married.

Divorce Certificates

(TL:VISA-213; 10-12-2000)

Available. Same procedures as for marriage certificates apply for all communities.

Court Records

(TL:VISA-213; 10-12-2000)

Available.

Israeli Courts: Available when the judgment is less than seven years old except in "serious" crimes, when available indefinitely. The court record may be obtained from either the Judicial Court or the Military Court where the trial took place.

Palestinian Courts: Records may be obtained upon application to the court where the case was handled.

VISA ISSUING POSTS

(TL:VISA-312; 08-22-2001)

Tel Aviv (E) All Categories

Jerusalem (CG) All Categories

Embassy Address:

AmEmbassy Consular Section Unit 7228

Box 0026

APO AE 09830

Telephone – (972)(3)519-7355

Consulate General Address:

AmCongen Unit 7228

Box 0036

APO AE 09830

Telephone – (972)(2)622-7230

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS SERVICED

(TL:VISA-213; 10-12-2000)

The U.S. Embassy at Tel Aviv services Israel and the Gaza Strip.

The U.S. Consulate General at Jerusalem services the city of Jerusalem and the West Bank.